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SUBJECT: Joint Counter-Insurgency Concept and
Doctrinal Guidance, Dated 5 April 1962

1. Subject is a Top Secret Joint Chiefs of Staff publication which was presented for consideration to the Special Group (CI) at its 19 April 1962 meeting. This document presents the background to the current international subversive insurgency threat to free world countries and outlines the policies which guide the development of doctrine and concepts for the conduct of counter-insurgency operations by U. S. Armed Forces. It also describes the areas of responsibility of civilian agencies of the United States Government (including CIA) in the field of counter-insurgency.

2. It should be noted that the JCS study represents the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and that it is currently being staffed further within the Office of the Secretary of Defense for possible expansion and refinement. It is intended that a revised copy of the study will be made available to the Special Group (CI) by the Secretary of Defense upon completion of OSD staffing.

3. It would be helpful to the CA Staff if all addressees would critique the JCS paper and come up with positive statements that may be used in the preparation of an Agency position paper presenting CIA concepts and doctrine in the conduct of counter-insurgency operations for future consideration by the members of the Special Group (CI). To guide the preparation of your critique, we would specifically request an expression of views along the following lines:

- a. General reaction to the document.
- b. Comments on the doctrinal concepts presented.

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c. Reaction to the stated role of the Agency as well as other Agencies with which you may be familiar.

d. How the doctrine and actions presented, if adopted, would affect the Agency's current policies and actions.

e. What effect implementation of the concepts would have on responsibilities currently assigned to and undertaken by the Agency.

f. Specific geographical or organizational examples to illustrate various points are encouraged.

g. Any other comments which bear on this discussion are welcomed.

4. In view of the urgency which the President and the Special Group attach to U. S. action in the counter-insurgency field, it is requested that your comments be forwarded to reach C/PMG by 1200 hours on Wednesday, 2 May.



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